

In the name of God Amen: I hereby do give the gift of
 my land 1802 I Samuel Know of the County of Washington
 & State of N. Carolina, being weak & sick of body but of sound
 mind & memory thanks be to God for the same & knowing
 that it is appointed unto all men to die; Do hereby &
 declare this my last will & testament, last principally
 & first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it
 & my body to be buried in a decent & Christian like
 manner. And as touching my worldly estate, it hath
 pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give & dispose
 of the same in manner & form following - that is to say
 I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary my negro
 man named Samuel & my negro woman named Lady, bed
 & furniture, one cow & tacklings, the house now in
 in with a decent & comfortable maintenance of the
 one my plantation land live on, till during her natural
 life. I further bequeath to my beloved wife the cupboard
 & kitchen furniture for the only proper use for her.
 I give & bequeath to my son John Know all that I
 have heretofore given him
 I give & bequeath to my son James Know all that
 I have heretofore given him -
 I give & bequeath to my son Joseph Know any property
 that I have heretofore given him
 I give & bequeath to my Samuel Know any property
 that I may heretofore given him -
 I give & bequeath to son Matthew Know that part of
 my plantation he now lives on, beginning at a
 Hickory Post & John's Know house & near the corner
 of my fence thence crossing road to where the road
 leading to Hugh Herrons house leaves the fence
 thence with said road the direction of said old
 house until it strikes Samuel's line thence with

for her only & proper use and I will further that my
daughters be decently supported off Henrys part of the
land so long as they remain single — and my will further
is that my stock of Horses remain on the plantation at
the disposal of Henry to ~~the~~ support of my family

" I will that my three ~~sons~~ boys viz Rob. Isaac & Alfred
be disposed of amongst all my sons in the following man-
ner, to be valued by their ~~respective~~ men chosen by them
— or a Majority of them & to the said three drawing a
box to pay on ~~the~~ valuation thereof to them draw-
ing none — I further will that at the death of my beloved
wife my negro man Saml be sold to my son Henry & my
negro women ~~fairly~~ with all the issue she may bear of
this estate subject to the provision in a foregoing clause
be divided amongst all my sons Equally and if they
cannot agree upon ~~that~~ division amongst themselves to
choose three men ~~and~~ to make a Dividend, which
Dividend when made shall be final & binding upon
them all. My will further is that my two sons
Matthew & Henry ~~shall~~ my last debts Equally
between them; & should any difference of opinion
arise between any of my Executors with regard
to the meaning of any part of this my last will
or Testament the parties thus differing shall choose
three Judicious men to decide the meaning which
decision when made shall be as good & final
as the decision of any Court of Justice in the United
States would be —

My will is that Horses & ~~stock~~ named to my three
daughters be furnished them ~~and~~ Henry —

• I further will that the ~~standing~~ provisions of what
ever kind now on hand ~~at~~ the growing crop be kept for
the use of my family now living with me —

And I do hereby nominate & appoint my true Sons
John & Matthew Executors of this my last Will & Testament
 hereby revoking & disannulling & making Void all former
 wills by me made & ratifying & confirming this & no other
 to be my last Will ~~Testament~~ In Witness whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the day
 and year first above written.

Signed Sealed & delivered in

in presence of

Edw. Wilson

Sam. Hester

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In the County of Northampton,
 in the State of North Carolina

James Hester being of legal & law State of
 health but of ~~weak~~ mind & memory
 do make and ~~publish~~ this as my last
 will and Testament hereby revoking all
 other wills & Testaments by me made
 I then 1st. I bequeath my Soul to God
 who gave it and my body to be buried
 in a decent manner.

2d. To my worthy friends which it has pleased
 God to bless me with I desire in the
 following manner & form.
 I then 3d. I wish all my just debts
 to be paid. I then 4th I give to my
 sister Margaret a small negro girl
 called Mary to a small negro boy
 called Andrew. I then 5th I give to my
 brother Robert one dollar.
 I then the 6th I give to my—